(a) the action plan regarding the replacement of the diesel engines and rakes of the metre gauge trains running from Ujjain, Indore, Mhaw, Khandwa and Ajmer under the Western Railway; and

(b) the time by which the fast trains with diesel engines are likely to be introduced between Indore-Ratlam and Ujjain-Indore metre gauge line ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No diesel locomotive is being replaced for metre gauge trains running from Ujjain, Indore, Mhow, Khandwa and Ajmer under the Western Railway.

(b) At present, there is no such proposal to introduce additional train on Indore-Ratlam and Ujjain-Indore metre gauge sections.

Fake Insecticides

5087. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of insecticides units relating to producing technical grade insecticides,

(b) the number of such units, making formulations for the insecticides;

(c) whether complaints of sale of fake insecticides are received from time to time;

(d) if so, the number of complaints received during 1995-96 and the action taken thereon; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that fake insecticides are not manufactured?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) Sir, over 125 units are currently engaged in the manufacture of technical grade pesticides. Almost all these units also manufacture pesticide formulations.

(c) and (d) Complaints about sale of sub-standard (fake) insecticides are dealt under the Insecticides Act 1968 and the rules framed thereunder. During 1995-96, 3% of the insecticides samples were found as sub-standard. Statewise details of the action taken are enclosed as per statement.

(e) The steps taken by the Government to regulate the quality of insecticides are as under:

(i) A network of 42 State Pesticides Testing Laboratories has been established for testing of insecticides samples.

(ii) Government of India have set up two Regional Pesticides Testing Laboratories to supplement the efforts of the State Governments.

(iii) A Central Insecticides Laboratory has been established at Faridabad as provided under the Insecticides Act 1968 to undertake statutory testing of pesticides.

(iv) A large number of officers from the respective States and UTs as well as officers of the Government of India have been notified as Inspectors under the Insecticides Act for drawal of samples.

STATEMENT

QUALITY CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS

Action taken Statistics During 1995-96

Sl. No.	State/UT	Licence		Prosecution		
		Suspended	Cancelled	Launched	Judgement obtained	Convicted
1.	Andhra Pradesh	151	2	50	22	15
2.	Assam	—	—	3	—	—
3.	Bihar	—	—	—	—	—
4.	Gujarat	—	1	42	44	41
5.	Haryana	—	—	134	—	—
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	—	—	—	—	—
7.	Karnataka	6	2	9	—	—
8.	Kerala	—	—	—	—	—
9.	Madhya Pradesh	63	68	24	1	—
10.	Maharashtra	18	—	35	4	2
11.	Manipur	—	—	—	—	—
12.	Orissa	—	—	—	—	—
13.	Punjab	—	152	68	—	—
14.	Rajasthan	—	—	7	—	—
15.	Tamil Nadu	20	—	5	10	5
16.	Uttar Pradesh	—	1	49	4	4
17	West Bengal	—	—	—	—	—
18.	Pondecherry	—	—	—	—	—